## State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: March 7, 2024 PM-30-24 In the Matter of ATTORNEYS IN VIOLATION OF JUDICIARY LAW § 468-a. COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, Now Known as ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE **DECISION AND ORDER** COMMITTEE FOR THE ON MOTION THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, Petitioner; DANIEL MARK DONAHUE, Respondent. (Attorney Registration No. 2670362) Calendar Date: February 20, 2024 Monica A. Duffy, Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, Albany (Alison M. Coan of counsel), for Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department. Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP, New York City (Hal R. *Lieberman* of counsel), for respondent.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by September 2009 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 65 AD3d 1447, 1456 [3d Dept 2009]; *see* Rules for Atty

Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to January 4, 2024, and the February 15, 2024 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, and having determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that (1) respondent has satisfied the requirements of Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5), (2) respondent has complied with the order of suspension and the rules of this Court, (3) respondent has the requisite character and fitness to practice law, and (4) it would be in the public interest to reinstate respondent to the practice of law (*see* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]), it is

ORDERED that respondent's motion for reinstatement is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law, effective immediately.

Aarons, J.P., Lynch, Ceresia, McShan and Mackey, JJ., concur.

**ENTER:** 

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court